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FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF MANSFIELD

FALLEN DEPUTY'S NAME ENGRAVED ON NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WALL

The widow and children of our fallen hero, Deputy Stephen "Mike" Gallagher, were escorted by Jail Administrator Chandra Brady to National Police Week in Washington, D.C., the week of May 9th. Deputy Gallagher was posthumously awarded a National Medal of Honor for his sacrifice in the line-of-duty.

There were 116 officers killed in the United States during 2009. The number of new names added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this year was 324. This included officers who died earlier in history but whose sacrifice had not been previously recognized. There are now 18,983 names chiseled on the marble walls of the nation's monument for fallen officers.

A candlelight vigil was held on the Memorial grounds to raise candles in honor of all fallen officers and to hear the names newly engraved on the Memorial walls read aloud. The 29th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held May 15 in front of the US Capitol and concluded the week's activities. President Obama spoke to the crowd of surviving families, co-workers and friends of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), today in the US there are some 900,000 law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of others. However, that protection comes with a price. Each year, there are approximately 16,000 assaults on law enforcement officers. The

NLEOMF, who gathers information and statistics on law enforcement line-of-duty deaths, indicates on average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 53 hours. The NLEOMF is dedicated to honoring all of America's law enforcement heroes—those who have died in the line of duty and those who continue to serve and protect.



Deputy Brady Taylor (pictured on right) standing watch at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. See page three for additional 2010 Police Week photos.

USING A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE DRIVING

Effective June 10, 2010, the law addressing the use of a wireless device (cell phone) while operating a motor vehicle will change and may cause people some financial pain if they are not aware of or fail to heed the modification.

The recent explosion of cell phones, texting devices, and now devices that give you unlimited access to the internet all wrapped into a handy wireless communication gadget, have made the roadways a little less safe. While there is no disputing the assistance these devices provide in reporting bad drivers, accidents and other mishaps; there is also no disputing the problems the improper use of these devices has caused in terms of accidents.

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The big change in the law allows law enforcement officers the ability to stop and cite the offender using the cell phone as a primary offense for the stop. Previously, the officer could not stop and cite unless they had probable cause to stop the vehicle for some other violation. Only then as a secondary offense could they cite the offender for improper use of a cell phone. Effective June 10th, 2010, law enforcement officers will have the authority to stop and cite as a primary offense anyone they see operating a motor vehicle while using a cell phone.

It is worthy to note that the law does not apply to:

- An authorized emergency vehicle; or
- A voice operated global positioning or navigational system that is affixed to the vehicle and that allows the user to send or receive messages without diverting visual attention from the road or engaging the use of either hand; or
- A moving motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device to report illegal activity, summon medical or other emergency help; or prevent injury to a person or property; or relay information that is time sen-

sitive between a transit or for-hire operator and that operator's dispatcher, in which the device is permanently affixed to the vehicle.

Infractions under this section shall not become part of the driver's record.* Additionally, a finding that a person has committed a traffic infraction under this section shall not be made available to insurance companies or employers.

What can you expect in terms of enforcement efforts? Well that is a little confusing depending on which law enforcement agency press release you read. Some will be citing everyone they see violating the law and conducting special cell phone emphasis patrols with zero tolerance. Others won't be doing much enforcement at all.

At the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, our goal is to gain public compliance through both enforcement and educational efforts. My deputies will have the same discretion they have now relative to citing speed violators in deciding the level of enforcement necessary to gain the compliance for wireless communications violations. We will evaluate our efforts on a monthly basis and adjust our strategy to ensure we meet our compliance goal. This is really no different than what we did years ago to gain compliance with the seatbelt law.

So, what can you expect from law enforcement as far as how they will be using their cell phones while they are on-duty? Well that's also as different as the enforcement philosophy. I

have heard of one agency that is totally restricting cell phone usage to the same standard as the public, where another does not have any restriction whatsoever on their officers and how they utilize their phones. By law we are exempt from the regulations the general public is confined to.

I have put a policy in place for the Sheriff's Office that guides the use of cell phones while still allowing my employees access to utilize the cell phone in a safe and effective manner for the job that they are expected to do. Members are expected, whenever possible, to utilize the cell phone in "hands free mode" or use a separate speaker device provided by the office. The intent of my policy is to allow members under both normal and emergency situations a practical, effective and safe means to utilize the technology. In short, under normal operating conditions my employees are expected to comply with the same laws as the general public. Under emergency or other unusual work conditions, a modified use of the cell phone may be necessary to meet our mission and the employee may do so as necessary.

Sheriff Steve

**Reference RCW 46.52.101 & 46.52.120.*

LCSO Mission Statement

To make a positive difference for members of our community by seeking and finding ways to affirmatively promote, preserve and deliver a feeling of security, safety and quality service.

“Carved on these walls is the story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream.”

-President George H. W. Bush

2010 NATIONAL POLICE WEEK—WASHINGTON, D. C.



Deputy Brady Taylor completes an etching of Deputy Gallagher's name from the memorial wall.



Washington State Patrol Honor Guard



Candlelight Vigil

BUDGET — PART TWO

By Sheriff Steve Mansfield

In my last newsletter, I talked about the financial budgetary challenges we have been facing over the past two years and how we have sought creative and innovative ways to offset the cutbacks and short-falls—and still achieve our mission for the public we serve.

I explained the work we had done in the 2010 legislative session that secured enough funding to save two deputy positions for our Sheriff's Office. I also talked about our efforts to reinvigorate our reserve and volunteer programs, both of which provide critical support to our role in the community. On Saturday, June 12th, we will graduate six new reserve deputies that will become part of our volunteer reserve deputy program.

In addition to the two legislative funded positions, I was able to save an additional three positions. It was a temporary move that utilized road diversion funds and involved creating a new traffic and road monitoring program in exchange for the monies to fund the deputies. This took agreement from several parties, including all three members of the Board of County Commissioners.

We were also successful in securing an additional two hundred and six thousand dollars in state and federal grant monies that we utilized for equipment, overtime, supplies, program management and to cover other operating costs that would have otherwise been cut from our budget.

The jail management team and staff were able to find ways to more than double the projected revenue from contract inmates and we have averaged between \$1.5 - \$2 million a year on this project alone. Unfortunately, these monies go directly into the general fund, making it difficult to pinpoint the benefit to the Sheriff's Office/Jail.

While none of these are permanent solutions to the issues we face, they are none-the-less options that allow us to operate and provide critical services at a safe, efficient and effective level. The funding options also bought us time in hopes for a possible economic recovery and/or allow for additional funding to materialize.

We really don't know for sure what the future holds in terms of revenue for operating your Sheriff's Office. The future revenue/expenditure projections of 1%/3%, respectively, are dismal. These are not numbers that imply sustainability to a fragile reserve account. Undoubtedly, we will see more requests for reductions at some level; our challenge under these conditions is to find new ways to deliver the essential law enforcement services to our community. I feel confident that with the new external partnerships and strong innovative internal focus, we will be successful in meeting both the budget challenges and our mission to the public we serve. Your comments and suggestions, as always, are welcome.

Stay safe and stay involved!

Sheriff Steve



VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE RECOGNITION

Sheriff Mansfield hosted the 16th Annual Lewis County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on March 20, 2010. Awards were presented to each Sheriff's Office volunteer group. Two volunteers received special recognition for their extraordinary volunteerism during 2009—Support Volunteers Mary Alice Painter and Tony Perdue.

Mary Alice Painter, a six year LCSO volunteer, logged 313 volunteer hours supporting programs in the Sheriff's Office. During 2009, she provided extensive assistance to the Corrections Bureau, scanning literally thousands of documents that had been backlogged for years due to staffing levels and other priority tasks. Without Mary Alice volunteering her time, the likelihood of getting caught up in the near future would have been slim. Her volunteer contribution also clearly saved the taxpayers significant costs in labor. Mary Alice also devoted numerous hours to manning the damage reporting phone banks and switchboard for the Division of Emergency Management after the January 2009 mudslides and flood. She is highly regarded by those with whom she works and is greatly appreciated for her dedication and willingness to assist regardless of the task.



Sheriff Mansfield with Support Volunteer Mary Alice Painter.

Sheriff Mansfield stated, "Mary Alice is a great example of how one person can make a difference and exemplifies what volunteering is all about. She unselfishly devoted many hours of her time to help my office achieve its mission and to make our communities better places to live, work, and raise families. I greatly appreciate her willingness to serve and her dedication to the LCSO Support Volunteer Program." *(Special Note: Since the LCSO Appreciation Luncheon, Mary Alice Painter was further selected as the Lewis County Government Employee of the Year for 2009 by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners. Congratulations Mary Alice!)*

Tony Perdue, a volunteer for seven years, participated in the move to the new evidence facility in 2009. All items of evidence from the old building were relocated and readied for a pre-accreditation inspection. Tony was instrumental in building and installing whatever was needed in the new facility, including shelving, gun racks, and bulletin boards. Tony was willing to do whatever was needed to reach an objective—even if it wasn't visible, glamorous or clean. A portion of the volunteer hours Tony has logged into Evidence amounts to just under 1,000 hours. Tony has also found time to donate to Crime Stoppers of Lewis County and the Napavine Booster Club. "Tony's dedication and commitment to the community in which he lives in extraordinary," said Sheriff Mansfield.



Sheriff Mansfield with Support Volunteer Tony Perdue

Other individual awards were given to the following volunteers: Clarence Lupo, Smokey Padget, Kevin Lee—LCSO Reserve Deputies; Kevin Curfman—Lewis County Chaplaincy Services; Explorer Sergeant Kristal Tardiff—Lewis County Explorer Post #771; Cheyenna Smith—Lewis County ATV Search & Rescue; Patricia Baker—Lewis County Sheriff's Posse Search & Rescue; Captain Eric Corder, Lewis County Composite Squadron—Civil Air Patrol; Jeff Mayfield, Lewis County Amateur Radio Emergency Services. Other volunteer groups recognized were the Jail Religious Volunteers, Cascade Dogs Search & Rescue, Lewis County Dive Team, Mossyrock Search & Rescue, and Packwood Search & Rescue.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

If you are interested in assisting your community by becoming a Support Volunteer with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, contact Sergeant Rob Snaza, Volunteer Coordinator, at 360-740-1193 for additional details.

FAREWELL TO JAIL ADMINISTRATOR CHANDRA BRADY

Sheriff's Office coworkers bid farewell to Jail Administrator Chandra Brady as she accepted a new position with the Olympia Police Department.

Chief Brady was presented with a shadowbox for her years of service, along with a Distinguished Service Medal and Sheriff's Mission Coin. Chandra was an eleven year employee of the Sheriff's Office, the last four and a half as Jail Administrator. She demonstrated exceptional leadership and managerial skill in the performance of her duties, expanded revenues associated with alternative sanctions and contract inmate programs, played a key role in the construction and transition to a new 356-bed jail facility, and worked diligently to foster strong partnerships with local and state governmental agencies and the judicial and health care communities.

Sheriff Mansfield stated, "Chief Brady's professional competence in managing personnel, resources, and multi-million dollar budgets significantly contributed to mission accomplishment and enhanced overall safety and security for the citizens of Lewis County."

Chief Brady will manage the Olympia Police Department Jail, a 28 bed facility with 11 full-time employees.

We wish Chandra well in her future endeavors!

RESERVE ACADEMY UPDATE

With the completion of 240 hours of Reserve Academy Training, our new recruits are ready for their field training with our deputies. Our new graduates will ride with various deputies and assist them in their day-to-day duties, along with assisting at various community events. This is a huge commitment for these members of our community and we appreciate their willingness to serve.

Congratulations to our LCSO Reserve Law Enforcement Academy Graduates!



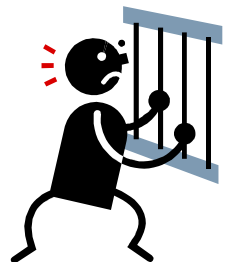
- ★ *Andrew Bradley*
- ★ *Tyson Brown*
- ★ *Brett Curtright*
- ★ *Bob Harris*
- ★ *Nick Macomber*
- ★ *Blake Wilson*

Join Team LCSOA at the **East Lewis County Relay for Life**

*July 9 & 10, 2010
Morton High School Stadium*

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association will have mock warrants available for a donation to the American Cancer Society. Have a family member or friend put behind bars in our make-shift jail.

***Fighting for the
cure!***



NEW EVIDENCE FACILITY OPEN HOUSE

By Director of Property Management Isabelle Williams

In the last 15 years all evidence and property that has come into the hands of the Sheriff's Office has had to be stored in numerous buildings due to the sheer volume or configuration. The forensic work associated with Evidence also had to be done in a couple of different lab locations.

There have always been discussions involving a new Evidence Facility. In June of 2009 those discussions became a reality. Although internal building projects would still be ongoing until November of 2009, a "Move Team" was put together to facilitate the transfer of all evidence and property from the old facility into the new. This team moved and put away approximately 13,845 items in four days. An "item by item" complete inventory was accomplished at the same time.

We had an Open House on April 28th, 2010 with visitors



from local law enforcement agencies, the WSP Vancouver Crime Lab, as well as a local County, city, and government officials. Approximately 70 people attended. Special guest, re-

tired Sheriff William Wiester, Sr. performed the ribbon cutting and Sheriff Steve Mansfield did opening remarks and introduced Evidence personnel, Support Technician II Debra Hensley and myself, Director Williams. Many interesting items of memorabilia were, and will be, on display.

This Facility is professional and secure (every area is alarmed at least two ways). This Facility has many features, such as: a secure lobby; a Conference room; two office areas; three individual labs (Pathogen Drying Lab, Fingerprint Lab, and a General Analysis Lab); a processing and viewing room; Found Property storage; a Vault Room for high risk items; a storage area that houses a rolling vault system that will store 2,200 archive sized evidence boxes, ten refrigeration/freezer units, bicycles and auction items; and a large storage area that houses vehicles or other large items.

For the Deputies, there is a vehicle bay that contains the evidence lockers, a fingerprint station, two officer work/packaging stations, a vehicle processing area, and the Crime Scene Van.

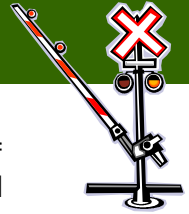
This is truly a "showcase", "everything in one place", and "go to" facility, one that the Lewis County Sheriff's Office

and the community can be proud of. Recently the Evidence Division passed Accreditation Inspections again, achieving 100%/zero discrepancies. We continue to strive to meet our overall mission by providing secure, quality service to the criminal justice system and the members of our community.



SAFETY CITY RECEIVES GRANT FOR UPDATES

By Melody Nelson, Traffic Safety Coordinator



Lewis County DUI Task Force Committee and Operation Lifesaver formed "Safety City" in 1984. Through this comprehensive and fun program, students are taught the basics of safety with an emphasis on Pedestrian Safety, Stranger Danger, Railroad Crossings and School Bus Safety.

Law enforcement and fire district personnel escort young students through a maze of simulated streets and buildings to teach them how to recognize street signage, railroad crossings, safe localities and safe youngster behavior.

Safety City was recently a recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Washington Safety Traffic Commission. This will help us continue to keep our little citizens safe with proper safety education and the visual tools it takes to teach our K-3 audience. Money for this important project will help the Safety City committee to resurface and paint the existing facades, rebuild the facades that are broken.

We have found a larger venue with good sound quality, where we hope to add other safety opportunities such as fire safety, the proper wearing of bike helmets and seat belts/booster seats education, along with skate-board safety.



Come watch us grow! If anyone is interested in participating in the artwork, painting, and set up, or act as a tour guide in October, call Melody Nelson at (360) 740-1450.

SAVE THE DATES - 2010 SAFETY CITY

October 25 - 30, 2010

New Location— City of Centralia Fire/Law Training Facility
Off I-5—Mellen Street Exit (Formerly the Wastewater Treatment Plant)



SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The members of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association congratulate our 2010 scholarship recipients and wish them many successes in their educational endeavors!

\$1,000 Scholarship of Excellence

Recipient Tiffany Tornow, Toledo High School

\$500 Cardinal Scholarship

Recipient Haley Deacon, W. F. West High School

\$500 Deputy Stephen Michael Gallagher Career Scholarship

Recipient Brittany Hope, Toledo High School



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

The 2010 DUI Traffic Safety Banquet was held on May 8th at the Centralia College. It was a great turnout and some outstanding work from our local law enforcement was recognized for DUI and traffic safety education and enforcement. DUI Traffic Safety Task Force Coordinator, Melody Nelson, did a phenomenal job in organizing and coordinating the event. Officers from Winlock, Vader, Morton, Toledo, Chehalis, Centralia, Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol participated in the awards banquet.

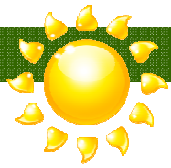


The keynote speaker, Eric Munson, gave a powerful and sobering presentation on the tragic death of his daughter, Heidi Munson, who was killed in a car crash on April 9, 2004. The vehicle Heidi was riding in was involved in a horrific crash, where she and a 13-year old boy were killed. It was later determined the driver of the vehicle was high on alcohol, methamphetamines, and marijuana at the time of the crash. He was driving with a suspended license and had no insurance. Mr. Munson talked about the unfortunate fallout of these tragedies and the devastating affect upon the families, friends, and communities of the people involved.

Awards were presented by Sheriff Mansfield, who noted each officer's contributions and spoke briefly of their accomplishments and work history.



Pictured from left to right are Lewis County Sheriff Steve Mansfield, WSP Trooper Nathan Hovinghoff, LCSO Deputy Matt Schlecht, WSP Trooper Jason Hicks, WSP Trooper Michael Anderson, LCSO Deputy Jeremy Almond, Sergeant Rob Snaza & Centralia PD Sergeant Stacy Denham.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WARM WEATHER PREPAREDNESS...

Summer is approaching rapidly and the temperature will be rising. There is a misconception that since we live in the Northwest extreme heat doesn't occur. North American summers are hot and heat waves may occur in one section or another of the United States. Last summer in Washington, the hottest weather occurred between July 26 and August 2. A high of 103 °F at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on July 29 set the record for the hottest temperature ever in Seattle since record keeping began in 1894. The nighttime low temperatures were unusually warm as well, mostly being in the upper 60s and lower 70s °F. The heat was not confined to the Seattle area, Portland International Airport in Oregon reached 106 °F on two consecutive days on July 28 and 29.

Heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States. Heat kills by taxing the human body beyond its abilities. NOAA National Weather Service statistical data shows that heat causes more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined. Based on the 10-year average from 1994 to 2003, excessive heat claimed 237 lives each year. By contrast, floods killed 84; tornadoes 58; lightning 63; and hurricanes 18.

Based on the latest research findings, the NWS has devised the "Heat Index" (HI), (sometimes referred to as the "apparent temperature"). The HI, given in Fahrenheit degrees, is an accurate measure of how hot it really feels when relative humidity (RH) is added to the actual air temperature.

Heat Index/Heat Disorders

Heat Index	Possible heat disorders for people in higher risk groups
130° or Higher	HEATSTROKE/SUNSTROKE HIGHLY LIKELY WITH CONTINUED EXPOSURE
105°-130°	SUNSTROKE, HEAT CRAMPS OR HEAT EXHAUSTION LIKELY, AND HEATSTROKE POSSIBLE WITH PROLONGED EXPOSURE AND/OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
90°-105°	SUNSTROKE, HEAT CRAMPS AND HEAT EXHAUSTION POSSIBLE WITH PROLONGED EXPOSURE AND/OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
80°-90°	FATIGUE POSSIBLE WITH PROLONGED EXPOSURE AND/OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
IMPORTANT: Since HI values were devised for shady and light wind conditions, exposure to full sunshine can increase HI values by up to 15°F. Also, strong winds, particularly with very hot dry air, can be extremely hazardous.	

Heat Wave Safety Tips

Slow down. Strenuous activities should be reduced, eliminated, or rescheduled to the coolest time of the day. Individuals at risk should

stay in the coolest area available; not necessarily indoors.

Dress for summer. Lightweight light-colored clothing reflects heat and sunlight to help your body maintain normal temperatures.

Put less fuel on your inner fires. Foods (such as proteins) increase metabolic heat production also increases water loss.

Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic fluids. Your body needs water to keep cool. Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty. Persons who (1) have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease, (2) are on fluid restrictive diets or (3) have a problem with fluid retention should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids.

Spend more time in air-conditioned places. Air conditioning in homes and other buildings greatly reduces danger from the heat. If you cannot afford an air conditioner, spending some time each day, during hot weather, in an air conditioned environment would be beneficial.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS QUIZ

Take the following quiz and e-mail your answers to: DEM@lewiscountywa.gov for a chance to win a free Grab 'n Go Desk Preparedness Cup. Winners will be notified by return mail. Answers will appear in the next volume.



- Heat is the number one weather related killer in the United States. True / False
- The Heat Index measures how hot it really feels when relative humidity is added to the actual air temperature. True / False
- What heat disorders can occur at 90°—105°?
 - Sunstroke
 - Heat cramps
 - Heat exhaustion
 - All of the above
- On July 29, 2009, the record was set for the hottest temperature ever in Seattle since records began in 1894. What was that temperature?
 - 110°
 - 103°
 - 107°
- During hot weather it is not important to reduce strenuous activities or drink plenty of water. True / False

Answers to the May Edition Emergency Management Quiz: 1. True; 2. True; 3. D; 4. F; 5. True.

Weather Radio Winners: Debbie Nygaard, Stanley Langland, Ed Oliphant